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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Computer Problem Calculating Service Liability

Applies to (check all that apply):

- ☐ All DHS employees
- ☒ Area Agencies on Aging
- ☒ Children, Adults and Families
- ☐ County DD Program Managers
- ☐ County Mental Health Directors
- ☐ Health Services
- ☒ Seniors and People with Disabilities
- ☐ Other (please specify): Brokerages

Message: AR 04-017 directed workers to change coding on their SMB and SMF cases to include spouses on service cases. This instruction was to set up the cases so both the OSIPM service case and the QMB-SMB would calculate using the correct income standard. It does do this. What it doesn't do is correctly calculate the liability on cases where the non-service spouse has their own income. It is adding this income to the client's in the calculation and generating an inflated liability. The only solution at this point is to not add the spouse, in this situation, to the case.

Cases Affected:

• OSIPM service cases with either QMB or SMB/SMF where the non-service spouse has income. The liability is being incorrectly calculated.

Cases Not Affected:

• Any OSIPM and/or QMB/SMB/SMFcase with no spouse.

• P2 QMB-SMB/SMF with a spouse – these still need to be corrected as outlined in AR 04-017. Add the spouse and put 2 in the MED Pgm # field. Close if over income.

• OSIPM & QMB/SMB service cases where the income is only from the service case client. Put 1 in MED Pgm # for OSP and 2 for QMB/SMB/SMF.

I am very sorry for this oversight. We never want to create more work for the people in the field. Unfortunately, sometimes we do.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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